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The HIGHWAY

Highway Christmas Service



Part of the group attending the Christmas Party in the Conference Room at the State House Annex. You will recognize many of the carolers in the above photo as they sang under the direction of Bill Kirk.

SUGGESTION AWARDS FEATURE COLORFUL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Bridge Division Man Heads List of Cash Beneficiaries

Presentation of cash awards to eight Highway men for their participation in the Suggestion Box featured Commissioner Miller's colorful Christmas program held in the State House Annex on December 23. This marked the second year that it has been possible to reward successful suggesters with money and on this occasion \$190 was distributed among the eight men chosen for this recognition.

Heading the list of suggesters was George Gordon of the Bridge Division, who, besides receiving a certificate of merit, was given \$50 for his suggestion advocating the mechanical reproduction of tracings. Gordon, a junior bridge designer, received his award from Morris Goodkind, bridge engineer.

As a result of further evaluation of his suggestion to use a special type of level rod, George J. Jorgensen, a principal engineer in the Survey and Plans Division, received an award of \$35 from his chief, Harold W. Giffin. This marked the second award received by Jorgensen for this suggestion.

Another \$35 award went to Anthony M. Crea, senior engineer, of the Survey and Plans Division for his suggestion pertaining to the training of inspectors in the intricacies of sieve tests.

Edward W. Downs, supervisor of bridge operation in the Electrical Division, received \$25 for a suggestion to place a mirror on drawbridge traffic lights. This award was made by James L. Hays, chief engineer of the Division.

Other cash awards were made to Maintenance men: Benjamin Cleave, Fulton Bonner, and Clarence Alpaugh; and to Oliver Deakin, parkway engineer.

Stresses Cooperation

Commissioner Miller and acting State Highway Engineer Edward Kilpatrick spoke briefly to the gathering of approximately 200 men and women of the Department.

The Second Half Century

As we stand at the threshold of the New Year 1950 we commence the second half of the 20th Century. At such an historic moment we are instinctively impelled to look behind even as we are emboldened to look ahead.

What of the years that have passed so swiftly and dramatically and give promise of no less speedy passing in the decades ahead? Our Century, which began as a Century of hope in the opening decade of the 1900's, was in turn to witness a succession of economic and political crises culminating in two World Wars. A half century characterized by man's greatest advance in science and invention was to record these very skills turned to the most destructive ends of total War. Cities of the Old World were reduced to ruins by death-dealing bombs, the capital accumulations of five hundred years shot away in a few short years leaving in its wake famine, destruction and widespread family displacements. "Little did we guess," wrote Winston Churchill, "that what has been called the Century of the Common Man would witness as its outstanding feature more common men killing each other with greater facilities than any other five centuries together in the history of the world." Surely, if this is to become the Century of hope for the Common Man in the 2nd half Century, he has had to pass through the Valley of Sorrow, suffering and untold misery in the first half.

But what of the role of each one of us in the unfolding drama in the days ahead? To those of us who provide a service of transportation in our contemporary America, one fact emerges from the passing decades, namely, the 20th Century in America has witnessed a revolution—the Automotive Revolution—which in our day has been as far-reaching as the Industrial Revolution during the opening decade in the 19th Century which was wrought by the coming of the steam engine. Yet the motor car has wrought its change in a shorter period of time than did the steam engine. In our own land the automobile has changed the pattern of community living more profoundly than any other single invention. At the turn of the century the automobile was a curiosity and numbered by the hundreds; today the motor car is a necessity and is numbered by the tens of millions. It combines more horsepower for man's use than all our factories combined. In a half century, a hundred million cars have been built by the American Automobile Industry; by 1950 there were upwards of 48,000,000 cars of all types registered. And out of this automotive revolution has come a demand for highways in our land that has stimulated the creation of a network of 3,000,000 miles that is the pride of the nation and the acclaim of the world. What is more significant, America's dynamic economy of today is tied to the automobile.

The past, then, is prologue; a prophecy of the shape of things to come. The next half century will witness changes far-reaching both in living standards, technical advances, the extension of man's control over the forces of nature, and in the enlargement of certain governmental functions. It will involve even more sweeping changes in transportation. In the immediate decades ahead no change will be more important than that wrought by the motor car in our midst. A nation on wheels is quite another thing to a nation rooted stationary in the soil. It may even affect the stability of our government.

The President of the United States has recently alluded to the changing nature of our responsibilities as the most powerful nation on earth in his "State of the Union Message" to the Congress and the people. Our Governor with a firm faith in the future has challenged us all to new service as he begins his new term under the new Constitution. Thus we are made aware by our leaders of the fateful years that lie ahead.

Let us each one try to take a long view of the half century that lies before us even as we do our daily tasks. This longer perspective may even help us in our tasks. Let us see how in our own ways and in our own work we can help to make this second half century one of greater hope and happiness for all mankind as the great objective. We can, each one of us, render some service in the achievement of that objective—we can do our work well whatever it is or wherever we are.

Spencer Miller, Jr.
State Highway Commissioner

Equipment Leads Highway Bowling

Eight Games Ahead of Second Place Guards

With a record of 35 wins out of 48 games, the Equipment Division bowling team is setting a fast pace in the State Highway Bowling League. In fact a look at the individual and team records discloses that Equipment is leading in about every department. George Collins and Mark Stevens of the leading team are currently leading all bowlers with an average of 176. Stevens leads the high three games with 611, while the high team game of 928 and the high three game total of 2652 are both owned by Equipment.

The highest single game rolled to date is 258 by Tony Crea of the G. I.'s. Other high single games are George Collins with 245; Alvin Holtzelow of Electrical with 235; Jack Washburn of G. I.'s, 232; and Frank Matzer of Painters with 230.

Following Collins and Stevens in high averages are Washburn, 171; Matzer, 170; and Rich, Electrical, 169; Ed McCabe and Tim Brennen of Equipment, 166; Crea, 165; and Joe Mizur of Machine Shop with 163.

The following is the League standing as of January 16:

	W.	L.
Equipment	35	13
Guards	27	21
Painters	27	21
Machine Shop	24	24
Electrical	23	25
G. I.'s	22	26
Inspection	17	31
White Line	17	31

Bridge Men Aid Motorist

When Henry Carment and William Kerwin assisted Miss Mildred J. McDermott with a flat tire in the slush and ice on Route S-3 at Rutherford on January 18th, they couldn't have known that the lady was rushing to keep an important appointment in New York or that she was recuperating from a recent illness. But Miss McDermott in a recent letter to Joseph A. Combs, personnel director, disclosed the details and added, "I hope you will let these two fine men know how greatly I appreciate their kindness."

Carment and Kerwin were assigned to the operation of the Route S-3 Bridge over the Passaic River and it was at this point that the tire went flat. They have set a fine example in the matter of cooperation with the motoring public and one which brings credit to the Department.

Kilpatrick Undergoes Operation

Following a two weeks' stay in the Morristown Memorial Hospital where he underwent an operation, acting State Highway Engineer Edward W. Kilpatrick returned to work on January 23 after making a most remarkable recovery.

Mr. Kilpatrick entered the hospital on New Year's eve following indisposition suffered in the office and was operated upon on January 7. He left the hospital on January 14 to recuperate at home.

THE HIGHWAY reflects the wishes of the entire Department when we say, "Continued good health, Ed."

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SURVEY and PLANS

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UPPER MONTCLAIR

Frank J. Spagnola

We had a grand time at our Christmas party—did you? Chairman Kettlewood did not stint on the food—it was a banquet, really; and Chat Elliott and Tony Fuca led in the carol singing, with music furnished by our able accordionist, Charlie Hirst. Norm Sanwald was the surprised recipient of a very appropriate present from the boys—it was a fitting climax to a swell affair!

The Upper Montclair office has expanded to new quarters on the 3rd floor of the same building—a decided improvement for layout and lighting.

We see a lot of Kunzler, Bubier, Nichols, Podwyszynski, Demarest, Haight, and Fuca these days. They're in and out of the office as they help compile the sub-quantities of Route S-3 through Clifton and Rutherford, and Route 3 through Seacaucus.

Sullivan, Friedenrich, Simpson, and Erich were sent crowded in a booth in the local luncheonette. Without eavesdropping, one just knows that they were talking shop, as usual.

Good luck to Eng. Aide Peter Elphas who left us on January 6. His old chief, Della Torre, will surely miss him!

Jr. Eng. Graziano suffered a nasty cut when hit by an open door at the Rutherford field office. You see—it does happen sometimes—and it's not funny; ask Joe.

Roland Schwartz (the lucky guy) took the wonderful step on Sunday, January 8, married a pretty little thing from Bethlehem, Pa. Good luck, Mr. and Mrs. S.!

Is Al Zampella lucky! Get this: He and the Mrs. arrived home to find the house filled with illuminating gas. Luckily, he found the source immediately, closed it, and averted a possible explosion by quickly ventilating the house. Too true, though, is the fact that he faces a high gas bill this month. Is Al Zampella lucky!

CRANFORD

Jim Roper

Our big social event of 1949, the Christmas party, was a thoroughly enjoyable event. Along with the usual refreshments we were surprised by a visit from Santa Claus himself who arrived with presents for everyone, everything from a live turtle to a toy shovel. We want to thank all those who helped make our party such a huge success and particularly Henry Klubenspies for his very able impersonation of Saint Nick.

A little of the Christmas spirit was displayed by Dick Waugh, Harry Bonitz, Joe Laughney and Dave Benoit. While they were working just two days before Christmas, they found a cold and hungry puppy. They fed him, chipped in and bought a harness and leash, and Dave took him home. Except for a slight case of worms, Dave says he is doing fine.

If you missed Bob Finch's name in Dick Waugh's party it was not a mistake. Bob now has his own party of Bill Kirchner, Bob Turner, and Leonard Liebowitz working up around Clifton on Sections 11 and 12 of the Parkway. Chief Fred Marinaro, Les Gahr, Frank Triscari, and Dick Hobson are working on "as-built" on Section 5 and 5-A of the Parkway. The field forces are really spread out, scattered all the way from Clifton

down to Woodbridge.

Ed Dayton is walking around with that "proud look" of a new home owner. The Daytonos bought a home in South Plainfield, and George Bryan's home in Beach Haven has just been completed.

After spending the summer out on Construction, John Marino and Joe Prochnicki have returned to the Survey crew. John is working on Section 1-C and 2-D Paving with Dave Brooks, Tom Reilly, and John Bara. Joe is with Charlie Sideris, Mike Carolan, and Pat Genaro on the preliminary survey work-up in Bloomfield.

NEWARK

Ralph Perry

Florence Frank, our former receptionist, severed her connection with the Department and started off the New Year with the Internal Revenue.

Willard Mulhearn has taken the eventful plunge into marital bliss. To coin a phrase, may all your troubles be little ones.

Andrew Byrne, who spent the past four months with a survey crew has returned to office activity. Perhaps the advent of freezing weather was a bit persuasive.

The office force had congenial parties just before Christmas and New Year's which were enjoyed by all.

William Hasburg is again perusing travel circulars for his bi-annual trip south, principally Florida.

Austin Schenck was recently elected to the Credit Committee and yours truly as a Director of the North Jersey State Highway Credit Union which, incidentally, is prospering.

LEWIS ST. OFFICE

Joe Cunningham

John Hulse has moved into his new home on the outskirts of Manasquan and has discovered that designing a highway is a lot easier than staining shingles.

Walter Aaronson is back in the fold after a stay in a local hospital.

Jugtown Mountain and Clinton Point jobs are in the cleanup stage and Rt. 25 Yardville to Bordentown will be opened to traffic soon.

TRENTON

Al Cohen

Mary Smeraldi's Xmas was most complete—what with a diamond engagement ring sparkling from under the tree. His name is Enzo Falsetti, a marine presently stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Additions to the list of television owners are Mary Mangine, Frank Armstrong, and Harry Fowler.

Grace Moore spent three weeks at Miami Beach and returned sporting a lovely coat of tan and extolling the beauty of Florida. Edith Toth also spent some time in Florida attending the National Convention of Woodmen Circle. While there she met, strictly by accident, George Hefferman's mother who resides in Miami.

It's nice of Charley Meyer to bring in buns from home for our morning snack.

Something new and, may we add, very much alive, has been

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT HAMILTON SQUARE



The Survey and Plans Christmas party at Hamilton Sq. was a huge success as can be seen from the above photo. It would be difficult to identify all celebrants in the picture but it will be recognized at a glance that more than one has come out from Trenton for the occasion.

added to Room 311. It's none other than Anastasia ("Stae" to you) Kanyuh.

We're happy to report that Charley Ahr is back at work, a little thinner but definitely on the mend.

Many thanks to all who made the Christmas party a huge success. The decorations were grand and the food excellent.

EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

Old lady luck stopped off recently at the home of Clarence Becker with the winning ticket worth \$1,000 in a church lottery here in Trenton.

Busily scanning the route maps between Trenton and Florida while contemplating a winter vacation is Harvey Butterfoss. Looks like the new Hudson is going for a ride.

Sympathies of Fernwood are extended to Clarence Young on the loss of his brother who passed away at his home in Trenton recently after a short illness.

The boys at Fernwood wish to express their thanks to the committee which worked so hard to arrange the excellent Christmas party held on December 23. The committee members were John Rochford, George Collins, and Arthur Nelson.

After dabbling in local politics for approximately twenty years, Paul Petito of Fernwood was rewarded with an appointment to the local relief board. This appointment carries a lot of work and no salary. Chairman of the board is Peter W. Radice, also of Fernwood.

At the present writing Mrs. Mae Howell, secretary to Mr. Frank C. Young, is in Florida enjoying a three-week vacation.

Wedding bells will ring on February 18 for Johnny Dilts, of Fernwood's road gang, and Miss Dolores Hoffman of Trenton. The happy couple are contemplating a trip to the coast for a honeymoon.

BRIDGE BRIEFS

CHESTER P. SMITH

The Bridge Division Club, under the direction of Chairman Spencer, sponsored a Christmas party for members on December 23. There were about 25 in attendance. George Hefferman played Santa Claus, in costume, and handed out presents. Ted Ke-

LABORATORY LINES

CHRIS KUCKER

Friday morning before Christmas the Lab halls rang out with the group-singing of carols by the entire personnel under the direction of Bill Ryan. Mr. Baumann addressed the group, citing his appreciation for their cooperation and teamwork during the year.

George Gessler entertained a group of his fellow workers at his home during the holidays. A tempting buffet supper was served and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Recent visitors to the Lab included Jacqueline MacRorie, lovely daughter of our own Tom. Visiting during the school holidays were Ted Hillman from Lafayette, Dick Watow from Duke, Dave Scales, senior at Hamilton High. All these boys worked with us during summer vacations.

Mr. Lloyd of the California Highway Department visited here, gathering information on testing and inspection procedures.

On December 20 a large group

selewicz and Jack Stanley did a swell job on decorations which included a beautiful fireplace and lighted Xmas tree. Sven Hedin prepared delicious and tasty looking Smorgasbord. Altogether it was a fine affair.

George Gordon was signally honored at the Commissioner's Highway Christmas party by being presented with an award of merit and \$50. The award was for a suggestion George made for the improvement of procedure in the preparation of plans which it is hoped will result in considerable economy.

Fred Hunter enjoyed a trip to the far West. The last card showed a picture of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge which he had crossed twice the evening before on his way to visit friends in Alameda.

Recent visitors have been Arthur Stetser, Inspector Davis, Sam Rankin, Charlie Spence, Jack Koffler, and J. J. Krieg.

The Bridge Division Executive Board convened Thursday, January 5. The main issue was plans for the annual dinner at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark on February 13.

On Saturday, January 7, when a bitter cold northwest wind was driving nearly everybody indoors, Petersen and Shortz played a frigid round of golf.

Henry Luning reports that he is now getting about 110 eggs a day from 200 pullets, and that he is planning to build an additional chicken house in the spring.

of students from the Trenton Junior College were given a demonstration of material testing at the Lab.

Mrs. Gladys Carlsson reports her son Frank, now a member of the U. S. Coast Guard, has sailed for a cruise to Bermuda.

Ralph Sherman, Herbert Diefenderfer, and Russell Sigafos attended the Chemical Show held as usual at the Grand Central Palace in New York. Many new and revolutionary demonstrations were witnessed by the group. Ralph also spent several days in Washington, D. C., attending the 29th annual meeting of the Highway Research Board.

Bill Ryan entertained his staff of Asphalt Plant Inspectors for dinner at his home, serving turkey and all the trimmings. After dinner an open discussion of problems, procedures, and plans for the coming year were aired by all. Fred Baumann addressed the group briefly answering questions and taking part in the general discussions. Besides Mrs. Ryan, William Manning and Andrew Decker assisted in the preparations.

Jim Ryan, who has been laid up for several weeks due to a badly fractured leg received while playing football, is recovering slowly. We understand it will still be some time before we can expect to see him at his familiar post.

On February 11, 1950, John Babashak will take as his bride Miss Alice Little. John has a new Ford all set for his honeymoon trip. We wish him much happiness in his new venture.

December vacationists were Joe McGrath, John Babashak, Owen Henry, Leroy Vogts, John Henry, Harry Houck, and Mike Hrabovski touring Florida; Merrill Scheier visiting Raleigh; Bob Leahy spending time with his grandparents in St. Petersburg; and Tom MacRorie making a pilgrimage to his home town near Charlotte, N. C., in the big Smokies.

John and Jennie Houman left January 9 for their winter vacation somewhere in Florida.

Our sympathies are extended to Maurice Raub upon the recent death of his sister, Mrs. George P. Smith.

New employees welcomed to our fold include Raymond Servis of Rutgers, Thomas Kinney of Lafayette, Donald Sessa of Trenton Jr. College, Budd Floyd of N. C. State, John Kindzierski of Stevens; Edward Sandusky, Robert Conrad, F. J. Androlis, and Fred Yaple of Lehigh who spent some time here during his summer vacation.

Glamor Gossip

DORIS and JOAN

The gals from the Right-of-Way Division, namely, Marion Shestko, Jean Trexler, Josephine O'Hara, Agnes St. John, Ann Manion, Ina Revoire, and Peggy Doherty spent three colossal days in New York at the Hotel Taft. They enjoyed "South Pacific" immensely and also "Where's Charlie."

The Bridge Division is beginning to look more like a man's world every day, especially since Stae Kanyuh was transferred to Survey and Plans. It's probably not as amusing as the former, but knowing Stae, she'll manage to make the best of it.

Another gal around these parts sporting a diamond on the third finger, left hand, is Mary Smeraldi. Lots of luck, Mary.

Edith Toth of Survey and Plans Division, reports she spent two weeks' vacation in Miami, Fla., and Cuba. We hope 'you all' enjoyed yourself, Edith.

Ruth Hill is convalescing from an injured ankle which occurred as a result of a recent automobile accident.

Glad to have Frances Martin back with us again after being on a leave of absence for a few months.

Florence Millerick of the Maintenance Division, is back on the job looking fit after her recent illness.

Just a little diversion, taken from the magazine "Pipe Dreams"—a certain young lady crossing the Atlantic for the first time wrote the following letter in diary form to her mother:

Dear Mother:

Monday—I felt highly honored at being placed at the captain's table.

Tuesday—I spent the morning on the bridge with the captain. He seemed to like me.

Wednesday—The captain made proposals to me not quite becoming an officer and a gentleman.

Thursday—The captain threatened to sink the ship unless I agreed to his proposals.

Friday—I saved one thousand two hundred and eighty lives.

Lovingly,
Your Daughter,

'Bye now.

ELECTRICAL FLASHES

JOSEPH MAHAN

As a result of blasting operations by the Atlantic City Transportation Co. at the Route 52 Somers Point Bridge on January 12, Woodrow Gray, bridge operator, was able to gather in a number of blackfish and perch, together with a 27-lb. striped bass.

Tex Ranson, electrical foreman, is off on active duty cruises with the Naval Reserve.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pepper, Jr., upon the birth of their third son on January 7.

One day early this month as Herman Siegenbeine, operator of the Rt. 25 Raccoon Creek Bridge, stood on the bridge talking with the local constable, a truck was seen driving by which stopped by the bridge traffic signals while the driver proceeded to remove the rear view mirror installed there by this Department. The constable at once apprehended the man and took him before the magistrate in Bridgeboro where he was relieved of a total of \$27.

Our condolences are extended to Seth Fowle, electrical mechanic, of Hammonont, upon the death of his mother.

Fernwood Building No. 20's "Yee-haw" erupted again between Christmas and the first of the year. The oil burner let go with a loud roar resulting in one casualty, a scared maintenance worker.



Some of the Newark office of Planning, Traffic and Economics is shown here at the Christmas party of the division. The two men in front are, (from the left) LeRoy Boyd and Charles Hultman. Seated behind them are Samuel Guidotti, Molly Kohl, Anna Judson and Fred Baker. In the rear row are: Stephan Burrows, Edward Taylor, Anthony Zaccie, Louis Vena, Anthony Amabile, Kenneth Meirs, Edward Strack, Jacob Cuthbert and Clarkson Holmes.

PLANNING and ECONOMICS

TRENTON
B. T. Patterson

It's the 28th wedding anniversary for Peg Gibbs. Along with our congratulations we extend the wish for continued good luck and all happiness.

The fellows of P. T. & E. extend a hearty welcome to Frank Herrera. Frank will serve in the capacity of senior clerk.

We neglected to mention John E. Jones in our last report as being among those who are furthering their education at night.

Helen Tallon has just returned to us from quite a period of illness. Needless to say, we missed Helen's friendly smile in these parts during her absence.

Vacation returnees: Our Director, Otto H. Fritzsche. Mr. Fritzsche tells us that he spent considerable time trying to get three radios repaired which went out of order almost simultaneously. Bob Nolan spent a week in the Lebanon State Forest hunting deer with bow and arrow. In case you are wondering, the answer is — No. Mort Gerst spent a pleasant week at Miami, Fla.

How would you like to wake up on Christmas morning and find a saddle horse for a present. Our Ray Malone did.

NEWARK
Preston E. Northrup

Our hearty good wishes go with Charles Hultman who has accepted a position with the City of Union City in Hudson County. Charlie was top man in Civil Service examination. His friendly, dynamic personality will be missed. As first president of North Jersey Credit Union, Charlie's ceaseless work has contributed in a large measure to the Union's declaring a dividend after but a few months in business.

LeRoy Boyd has answered the call of the open road. He is now with the Department of Institutions and Agencies as chauffeur. Good luck, Roy! Think of us while you are rolling so smoothly over New Jersey's fine highways.

Could it be that the extra twinkle in Mary Surko's eyes these days has something to do with the beautiful, sparkling engagement ring she is wearing? The lucky man is James Warren of the Maintenance Division. The

Bureau extends the wish that your happiness may "flourish as the bay tree."

'Twas two days before Christmas and the happiest office party within the memory of all present lasted until late in the day. Good fellowship, the singing of carols, dancing, picture-taking, a table groaning with good things to eat and drink, compose the picture. Charlie Hultman saw to it that good cheer prevailed as Fred Baker arranged the flood lights for Lenny Green and your reporter who officiated as cameraman for the occasion. We were happy to have with us Helen Tallon of the Trenton office. Carol singing was led by Charles French, our Public Roads Administration representative. Freddy Guenther then gave the down beat while we all gave out with b arber-shop chords to the accompaniment of Mr. Berberich's choicest records. (Note: The records sounded good, too.) A toast in absentia was drunk to our retired Director, Sigvald Johansson. Committee in charge was: Joe Natale, chairman; Steve Burrows, Jake Cuthbert, Fred Baker, Ann Judson, Mollie Kohl, Leonard Greene, and Sylvia Finkle.

DAVID SCHUYLER

David Schuyler, 60, of Califon, died on January 26. Mr. Schuyler, who had been with the Department since 1936 and who was a member of Paul Haney's maintenance crew, suffered a heart attack while cutting brush along Route 30. Sympathies are extended to his sole survivor, Mrs. Nellie Schuyler, of Califon.

PARKWAY PERSONALS

MARIE WALSH

Now that the decorations have been stored away for another year, it is pleasant to recall the wonderful Christmas party at which we were joined by the legal offices. It is nice to recall the bounteous repast topped by a 22-lb. turkey and the red candles, holly, and hemlock. How Joe Whelan and Russ Pell enjoyed the final pickings, and Les Keating was the last word in sports attire. It was nice also to have Col. Braybrooke, Howard Koons, and Charlie Siderts drop in from the Cranford office, and Sackett M. Dickinson and Stephen Newton from the Attorney General's office. With music and dancing, it was indeed a gala affair.

Alfred Quimby went home to East Lansing, Mich., over the holidays. When he returned he brought back Mrs. Q. for a short visit. Al hasn't been able to locate a local residence yet.

Oliver A. Deakin took a few days' vacation during the holidays and will no doubt have a koda-chrome record of his youngster's reaction to Santa Claus.

Herb Huntoon has added to the local color by growing a full Clark Gable mustache.

Maintenance Notes

CHARLES J. DOHERTY

The Maintenance Division office force, by way of anticipating the approaching Christmas holidays, had themselves quite a little party in Room 221 the Friday before Christmas. Before the party drifted into its more hilarious stage, gifts of the insane (or is it insane) variety were exchanged among the members of the office force. Needless to say, none of these gifts had any value other than to provoke quite a bit of merriment. After this phase of the entertainment was through, the affair gradually, but surely, drifted into a more delicious stage, with more and more visitors coming in from various other offices to join in the festivities, some of these wandering visitors even bringing along their own entertainment in the form of music. Somewhere around 1:00 p. m. (I think, but then nobody else remembers either) the party finally exhausted itself and everybody made his way home, although perhaps with some difficulty.

Congratulations are heartily extended to Elwood Taylor, one of our assistant foremen. According to a newspaper clipping, it seems that one Olympius M. Stefanoni, of Burlington, while on a little gunning trip near Chatsworth, met with a rather serious accident. While getting into his car, Mr. Stefanoni's gun accidentally went off. Shortly after this Taylor came to the rescue. He took the injured man to the hospital where doctors said that he had lost considerable blood from wounds of the right arm and shoulder. However, had it not been for Taylor's timely appearance on the scene and prompt action, a tragedy might have resulted.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives and families of the following members of the Maintenance Division whose deaths occurred a short time ago: Ulysses Martinet, Maintenance foreman, died January 8, 1950. He had been with this Division as foreman since 1931 and had been ill for quite some time; Linwood Mayhew, assistant foreman, died December 11, 1949. He had been with this Division since 1938; Clifford D. Young, brother of Homer Young, Maintenance laborer, died December 25, 1949.

We are glad to welcome Charlie 'Bus' Walklett back to work. Bus had been absent from the office for a few weeks, having been taken down with a case of pneumonia.

Jimmy Walter reports that he has finally decided to rid himself of that 1948 Chevrolet and get a 1950 Pontiac with hydramatic. More power to you, Jimmy. Some of the other inmates of this office are complaining about their old jalopies — among them, Joe Hunt, who says that his old Chevy is equipped with some kind of gadget which he calls "Phlegmatic." Guess something new hasn't been added.



The Bridge Division Christmas party, which was held in a corner of the drawing room, was another that proved to be a success. George Hefferman as Santa Claus can be seen in the center of the picture, surrounded by members of the Bridge Division and their guests.



A corner of the Parkway and Freeway exhibit now in progress at the Newark Museum. This exhibit which occupies three large rooms at the museum is attracting large crowds due to the extreme interest being manifested in Route 4 Parkway in Essex County. The State Highway Department's motion picture is also being shown.

Parkway and Freeway Exhibition Creates Interest in Newark

Large Turnout Greet Highway Department Display

The State Highway Department's exhibit on Parkway and Freeways is currently attracting unusual interest at the Newark Museum on Washington Square. The display, which will run through February 15, was officially opened by Commissioner Miller on the evening of January 11 before an assemblage of more than 200 persons.

A feature that is receiving much attention is the models of Route 4 Parkway through Irvington and a section of East Orange, showing the alignment recently adopted in these municipalities. Other models show the Trenton Freeway as well as highway construction of other types.

A series of photographs and continuously projected color slides show up-to-the-minute construction views along the Parkway. Supplementing these are several maps showing the parkway's location. The most modern types of traffic signal and illuminated directional signs are other notes of interest.

Through the cooperation of the Turnpike Authority a series of renderings have been made available which show such features of the Turnpike as bridges, toll col-

lection booths, interchanges, and restaurants. Also on display is a map showing the location of all interchanges between Deepwater in Salem County and Route 6 in Bergen County.

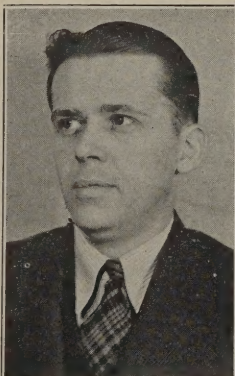
The Palisades Interstate Parkway is represented by a diorama of the palisades and Hudson River and a model showing the proposed parkway passing through the Greenbrook area of the park.

The State Highway Department's motion picture "Parkways for New Jersey" is being shown each Saturday and at intervals during the week.

The exhibit was arranged by the office of Models and Visual Aids and was set up in cooperation with the Electrical Division, the Parkway Bureau, and the Landscape Division.

Fred Quinn Re-elected President of Credit Union League

Frederick M. Quinn, of the Division of Planning, Traffic and Economics, was re-elected president of the Trenton Chapter, N. J. Credit Union League at the annual meeting of the Chapter held January 17.



The Trenton Chapter consists of twenty-one Credit Unions in the Trenton area and has an aggregate membership of over 10,000. Our own Highway Credit Union is a member of the Trenton Chapter.

The activities of the Chapter involve all phases of the Credit Union movement, especially the organization of new Credit Unions and the improvement of services to members of established organizations.

Division Name Changed

The official name of the Division of Planning and Economics has been changed to Division of Planning, Traffic and Economics. The change, which became effective on January 1, recognizes the importance of traffic analysis as a function of the division.

GAS-O-LINES

Bachelor: The husband of a spinster.

Book ends: The part of a book some people read first.

Eskimos: After a few months of work, they call it a day.

France: Where one man's fish is another man's poisson.

Hick town: One that's lighted by electricity only during a thunderstorm.

Hitch-hiker: Man who will gladly share your last drop of gasoline with you — if you're going his way.

Motorists: People who drive as if they owned their cars.

Pedestrians: People who walk as if they owned the streets.

Redskins: People on American bathing beaches.

Road Map: A form that tells you everything, except how to fold it up.

Traffic jam: Denting tonight.

Traffic light: A little green light that changes to red as you approach.

Tourist: Person with a heavy tan on the left forearm.

Youth: The first 50 years of your life — the first 20 of anyone else's.

Bridge Operators Elect Officers

For the 8th consecutive year James Lipari of Belmar was elected president of the State Bridge Employees' Association at the annual meeting of that organization held at Perth Amboy on December 9. The rest of the officers were continued in office for the coming year.

The complete slate of officers follows:

James Lipari, Pres., Belmar.
Charles Simonton, 1st vice pres., Fairlawn.
Daniel Glendenning, 2nd vice pres., Belmar.
Phineas Marr, 3rd vice pres., Bay Head.
Harry Ober, Financial Secy., Lakewood.
Walter Holtgren, Recording Secy., Herbertsville.
Harold Vaughan, Treas., Perth Amboy.
Joseph Hargrove, Sergeant-at-arms, Newark.

Trustees: Joseph Martine, Belleville; Harold Lloyd, South Amboy; George McKnight, Jersey City.

The Association wishes to express its appreciation for the splendid cooperation received from both the State Highway Department and the Civil Service Commission during the past year.

The time and place of the next meeting, which is scheduled for South Jersey, will be announced later.

"Leadership in Management" Program Inaugurated in Highway Department

Maintenance Supervisors First to Receive Literature

Using the supervisory personnel of the Maintenance Division as a "pilot" group, Commissioner Miller has launched a Leadership in Management movement in the State Highway Department. The details of the program

Completes 30 Years With Department

On the day after Christmas, back in 1919, a slim young girl named Margaret Barnett entered the employ of the State Highway Department in the Broad Street Bank Building in Trenton. She reported to A. Lee Grover, already a veteran Highwayman, who assigned her to the Department switchboard, a career she was to follow throughout the years.



MARGARET BEATTY

Today, after 30 years with the State Highway Department, this same lady, who in the meantime became Mrs. Beatty, (and whose trim looks belie her length of employment) takes calls of those who have occasion to phone the Laboratory at Fernwood.

During the intervening years Peg has stayed close by her switchboard. When the Department moved into its new quarters in the State House Annex in 1928 she handled the new exchange. Several years later the Highway phones were put under the general exchange in the State House and Peg moved on to Fernwood where she took charge of calls for the Equipment Division.

After several years on this job, an automatic system replaced the manually operated switchboard and once again a move was necessitated. This time she transferred to the new laboratory building and since then has had charge of their switchboard.

After thirty years of handling untold numbers of telephone calls, it is safe to assume that Peg Beatty has spoken with more Highway employees than any ten others combined. Throughout the years she and her switchboards have become a part of State Highway tradition.

were outlined at a meeting held in the conference room of the Department on January 19.

The program consists of sending each of the supervisors a series of 52 subjects dealing with leadership. These subjects, each in attractive folder form, will be sent out at the rate of one a week for a period of one year. They deal with leadership, the art of getting along with people, the importance of respecting other people's ideas and opinions, loyalty and cheerfulness, to name but a few of the subjects. In addition to the folder, a form is sent to each supervisor by which he is enabled to submit suggestions for departmental improvements.

In speaking of these suggestions, Commissioner Miller stated that it was possible that their final evaluation by the Suggestion Committee might well result in cash awards to the suggesters.

In addition to the Commissioner, Joseph A. Combs, personnel director, Alex. W. Muir, superintendent of maintenance, F. L. Voss, and Clifford Wear, the following supervisors were in attendance: E. L. Storer, M. A. Lanzara, G. McCann, A. H. Wilmot, A. T. McManus, L. W. Klockner, W. W. Hunt, R. Green, J. W. Kelly, K. Craft, F. D. Woodruff, J. T. Carr, Sr., and J. J. Stanley.

Suggestion Wins Office Award

Divisional pride asserted itself in a big way at Christmas time when Planning and Economics held their own suggestion award at Newark. John K. Miers was the recipient of a \$10.00 prize on this occasion for having submitted two suggestions which were in successful operation.

Mr. Miers's suggestions dealt with a method of binding maps and with a paper cutting table which is used in conjunction with the Ozalid printing machine. The former suggestion had been accepted by the Suggestion Committee and approved for use by Commissioner Miller, but was not deemed to have sufficient merit to warrant an award on a State-wide basis. The second suggestion, now in use in the Newark office, has not as yet been processed by the Committee.

When Charles French of the Public Roads Administration saw Miers's ideas in operation, he suggested that he, O. H. Fritzsche, P. & E. Director, and Vincent Berberich, Chief of the Division, contributed the prize money. That is how it came about that Planning and Economics held their own suggestion awards.

It is possible that Mr. Miers may yet receive cash recognition from the Suggestion Committee when his paper-trimming idea is finally evaluated.

Construction Comments

G. H. CONNER

Ernie Thelen spent his vacation in the Maine woods. He was with a party of hunters and they returned with three deer.

Stew Mitchell was on a hunting trip to South Jersey but had no luck. By the way, Mitch has a 'hayburner' named Islam which is quite a jumper. His daughter Sallie does the riding.

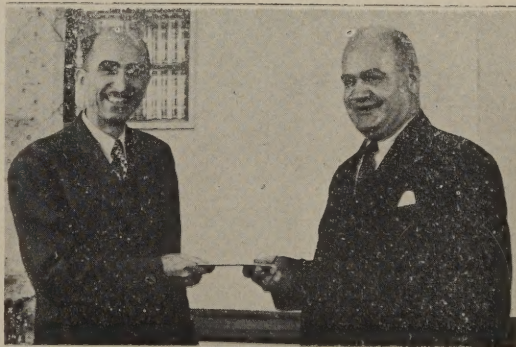
Bob Ordish's 'jeep' became a 'heap' one night several weeks ago. Fortunately, Bob was not hurt.

Quite a few of the fellows dropped into the Newark office to wish Mr. R. M. Beck and the office force the season's greetings. Mrs. Beck sent one of her celebrated fruit cakes which she made despite the fact that she is not feeling too well.

Chuck Conner became a grandfather last month when young Bruce Conner arrived to carry on.

Have you noted Adele Uth's exuberant expression? Well, the reason for it is that her son, Richard, is home on leave from the Navy.

W. F. Asay, Jr., engineering aide, had an automobile accident while on his way to work. He is feeling better and will soon report to active duty.



O. Herbert Fritzsche, director of the Division of Planning, Traffic and Economics, is here shown presenting John K. Miers with a ten dollars award for submitting two suggestions now in operation at the Newark office of P. T. & E. The ceremony took place at the Christmas Party in Newark.